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Maybank & ASEAN Secretariat awards five ASEAN-Maybank Scholarships at the 56th ASEAN Day

- *Five scholarship recipients from Brunei, Indonesia, Malaysia and Vietnam honoured at the 56th ASEAN Day celebration*

The ASEAN Secretariat and Maybank Foundation, under the Maybank Group, awarded five ASEAN nationals with the ASEAN-Maybank Scholarships (AMS) at an award ceremony held yesterday in conjunction with the 56th ASEAN Day celebration in Jakarta, Indonesia. The AMS is the first scholarship programme between the ASEAN Secretariat with an ASEAN accredited entity, and marks Maybank's sixth year involvement with the secretariat.

The AMS, which was launched in 2021, were presented to five students from Brunei Darussalam, Indonesia (2), Malaysia and Vietnam by H.E. Dr. Kao Kim Hourn, Secretary-General of ASEAN, alongside Tan Sri Dato' Sri Zamzamzairani Mohd Isa, Chairman of Maybank Group & Maybank Foundation, Dato' Khairussaleh Ramli, Group President & CEO of Maybank, Izlyn Ramli, Chief Executive Officer of Maybank Foundation and witnessed by the Committee of Permanent Representatives to ASEAN (CPR).

Speaking at the event, H.E. Dr. Kao Kim Hourn said, "ASEAN has always placed emphasis and focus on the investment of our young people. The end-in-mind is to develop and nurture them to be the future leaders of ASEAN. We hope through the success of the ASEAN-Maybank Scholarship programme, it would generate the interests of other private sector and foundation, especially those based in ASEAN, to step forward and to work with us to enhance the public-private-partnership (PPP) in helping young people of this region and to contribute to the ASEAN Community building."

Dato' Khairussaleh extended his congratulations to the five recipients and said that Maybank was honoured to partner with the ASEAN Secretariat to finalise the intake for the scholarship programme this year.

"We believe in investing in the potential of our youth and providing them with the necessary tools to succeed, especially in future-proofing the next generation. Through AMS, it allows us to contribute strategically on the advanced development of ASEAN via education while fostering a network of exceptional individuals who will lead us towards a brighter future."

The AMS is a unique programme, which places talented and deserving ASEAN youth with the opportunity to pursue their tertiary education outside their home countries in prestigious ASEAN universities as listed under the ASEAN University Network (AUN).

In partnership with Maybank Foundation and ASEAN Secretariat, the programme serves as a platform to nurture future leaders who will contribute to the development and prosperity of ASEAN, and in the process to promote intra-ASEAN integration, in line with the aspirations of the ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community Blueprint 2025.

The scholarship recipients in this year's second cohort were selected based on their outstanding academic performance, exemplary leadership qualities, resilience, and a strong commitment to making positive contributions to their communities and ASEAN. Close to 500 applications from all 10 ASEAN member states applied for the AMS this year.

Details of the five scholarship recipients are as follows:

Name	Nationality	University	Course
Amal Afiqah Binti Awang Haji Rusali	Brunei	Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia	Bachelor of Social Sciences with Honours (Development Science)
Nurul Zafera Binti Zainal	Indonesia	University of Malaya	Bachelor of Science in Mathematics
Nathaniel Saut Sidauruk	Indonesia	University of Malaya	Bachelor of Computer Science (Software Engineering)
Nicole Beh Zhi Qi	Malaysia	Singapore Management University	Bachelor of Business Management
Do Vu Khanh Linh	Vietnam	University of Malaya	Bachelor of Economics

“Maybank’s partnership with ASEAN Secretariat remains significant till today especially in championing high-impact youth development, and this continued collaboration is necessary to enhance regional cooperation and integration,” added Dato’ Khairussaleh.

The award ceremony celebrated the achievements of this year’s scholarship recipients and highlighted the success of the inaugural cohort of three AMS recipients from Cambodia, Malaysia, and Myanmar in 2022, who have made significant academic progress and served as exemplary ambassadors for ASEAN and Maybank.

In the last five years, Maybank Foundation has grown to be a regional social impact organisation, actively supporting Maybank’s mission of Humanising Financial Services. In ensuring to be a force for good, while positively impacting the communities it serves, Maybank Foundation has touched more than 400,000 lives since 2014. This has led to it being accorded ASEAN accreditation status, underscoring Maybank’s dedication to creating meaningful, measurable, and long-term sustainable impact across the region.

About ASEAN Secretariat

The ASEAN Secretariat is the central coordinating body of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN). Its primary role is to facilitate cooperation and integration among ASEAN member states. The ASEAN Secretariat works closely with partner organizations, governments, and stakeholders to advance regional cooperation and foster economic, political, and social progress in the region.

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About Maybank Foundation

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